GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS FOR KBK DISTRICTS OF ORISSA
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allocated funds for the connectivity plan for the KBK district of Orissa during 2006-07 and 2007-08;

(b) if so, the details of the funds allocated and the actual expenditure incurred therefrom;

(c) the names of the developmental projects undertaken and completed during the said period;

(d) whether the Government has received requests for increase of assistance under KBK Programme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): The Government of India have made no specific allocation during 2006-07 and 2007-08 for the connectivity plan for the KBK districts of Orissa. However, out of the Special Central Assistance (SCA) of Rs.250 crore received during 2006-07 under the Special Plan for KBK districts, Rs.54.60 crore was provided for the implementation of projects under the connectivity programme in the KBK districts. The entire amount has been passed on to the Executing Departments/agencies for the implementation of these projects. Similarly, out of Rs.130 crore of SCA committed to be provided by the Government of India under the Special Plan for KBK districts during 2007-08, Rs.12.45 crore have been earmarked for the connectivity programme in the KBK districts. The amount has been allocated to the Departments concerned to take up these projects.

(c): Under the Special Plan, 83 Community Development works/bridges and construction/ improvement of 48 roads in the KBK districts have been taken up out of funds provided during 2006-07. Execution of these projects is going on. During 2007-08, funds have been provided under the Special Plan for 18 ongoing and 3 new projects in the KBK districts.

(d) & (e): With a view to generating a favourable environment for the extension of the Special Plan for KBK districts, (i.e. RLTAP), the State Government of Orissa have requested the Central Government to extend RLTAP in the 11th Five Year Plan with an increased allocation of Rs.500 crore per annum as Special Central Assistance. Accordingly, the request of the Government of Orissa was considered and approval of the Central Government has been conveyed to the State Government by the Planning Commission indicating that the allocation under BRGF for KBK districts would be protected at Rs.250 crore per annum during the 11th Five Year Plan commencing from 2007-08, which includes Rs.130 crore under the Special Plan for KBK districts and the remaining Rs.120 crore under the district norms of BRGF.